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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Hello, Sir. Thank you very much for your letter, dated 9/6/94. It is always an honor to receive a letter from you, Mr. Weisberg. As I always write in my letters to you, I am a dedicated fan of you and your incredible investigation on the JFK assassination. I am very sorry that you are not feeling well, and I pray for you every day. I also wish to say hello to Mrs. Weisberg, and I hope she is feeling well.

In my last letter to you, I mentioned the correspondence I was having with Garrett Timmermans, who is a defender of David Lifton and the book Best Evidence. I know it is not necessary to defend you, but this Timmermans fellow talks about you in such derogatory and condescending tones, I just can't let him get away with it. He talks "down" to me in his letters. He thinks he is superior to me because I absolutely refuse to take Lifton's theory serious. He can't believe that I follow your investigation. In one of his letters, he referred to you as a "first-generation" investigator who has been "eclipsed" by Best Evidence. I responded by saying that the only thing Lifton has done is peddle a sick and demented theory, whereas you based your investigation on the government's own documents. You may think that this is childish, but he has implied that you are paranoid. No way would I let him get away with that. I told him to prove this, but all I get is silence. I could go on, but I think you get the idea. However, he informed me in his last letter that he has "discussed" our correspondence, with Lifton, and my support for you. He wrote: "Davi was amazed that Weisberg would have any adherents this late in the history of the case." Since he travelled down that road, I'll follow. I have enclosed a copy of his last letter to me. I am sure you will laugh when you read it.

You had wrote in your letter that you wanted a copy of Lifton's "new" Air Force Two hypothesis, which he (supposedly) revealed to his friends. I'll try to let you know as much as I know. I have also enclosed the part of his letter where Timmermans spoke of this.

I read a letter that Timmermans had sent to The Fourth Decade, in which he defended Lifton's theory. I wrote him a letter in which I disagreed with his stance. In my letter, I made it clear that there is no way that President Kennedy's body was "disguised as luggage," whic is how Lifton said the body was "stolen" by the "plotters." In his first letter to me, he told me that he thought the luggage hypothesis was "weak." He said that he and others had "discussed this" with Lifto He then said that "He (meaning Lifton) and others like myself now find the Air Force Two hypothesis to be stronger." He didn't explain what he was talking about. Of course, in my response I pointed out that on pages 791-792 of BE Lifton raised and then rejected his speculation that the "stolen body" was placed aboard Air Force Two. On page 792, the reader finds this: "I rejected the Air Force Two hypothesis." In a later letter he finally "answered" my questions about this Air Force Two business. This is what I have copied for you. He didn't say he was quoting Lifton, he just wrote what he "suspect(s)." Now, Mr. Weisberg, since I find it hard to believe that anyone would honestly

take Lifton's theory or theories seriously, I take what Timmermans wrote with a grain of salt. I have suspected that he is joking when he defends Lifton in his letters, but he writes like he has a passion for Lifton's theory, so who can know for sure. Since he claims to be "friends" with Lifton, I can only assume that he gets his ideas from Lifton. In reality, I guess it doesn't matter, because I think it is all a hoax! Timmermans "suspects" that during LBJ's swearing in "disloyal" Secret Service agents "removed" the Presidents body from Air Force One and "placed" the body aboard Air Force Two. His "view" is that the "disloyal SS agents permitted someone to work on the body aboard Air Force Two." Is he serious? Naturally, the respect and restraint I was putting forth in my letters disintegrated. I reasoned that if this was what he would write to me, he obviously has no respect for me. After our recent last exchange of letters, I doubt there will be anymore.

Mr. Weisberg, I realize that this is silly, and I am sorry to bother you with this stupidity. But according to Timmermans: "We will very likely see his revised view in print when his sequel to Best Evidence is published and the reasons for it." This is another major issue I tried to raise with Timmermans. I say "tried" because he wouldn't respond to one of my charges. I told him that I feel that Lifton is only concerned with making money off this case. I also said that by printing his theory he is disrespecting the memory of John F. Kennedy. I am sure that you have much more important stuff to deal with, but if there is anyway that you could give me your opinion of all of this, believe me, Sir, I would be very grateful. I also hope that if you are able, maybe you can let me know what you think of the copy of Timmermans letter, which I have enclosed.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter. I only "know" you through your books and your tv appearances, but I want you to know that you are an amazing human being. God bless you.

Sincerely yours and best wishes,
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